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SUBJECT: GERMAN AID TO THE NEAR EAST -- FRG

VONWECHMAR'S PRESS CONFERENCE

1. FRG PRESS SPOKESMAN VONWECHMAR, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON OCTOBER 24 FOLLOWING A CABINET MEETING, TOLD NEWSMEN THAT THE FRG WILL FULFILL ITS FOREIGN AID COMMITMENTS TO BOTH ISRAEL AND EGYPT AT AN EQUAL PACE. VONWECHMAR ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PROJECT NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE DM120 MILLION COMMITMENT TO EGYPT HAVE PROGRESSED FURTHER THAN THOSE ON THE DM140 MILLION COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL. CONSEQUENTLY, CONTACTS ON PROJECT DETAILS BETWEEN THE GERMAN RECONSTRUCTION LOAN CORPORATION (KFW) AND THE ISRAELI NATIONAL BANK WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN UP "IN THE NEAR FUTURE IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH EQUILIBRIUM" IN THE CALENDAR 1973 AID PROGRAMS FOR BOTH COUNTRIES.

2. IN ADDITION, VONWECHMAR EMPHASIZED THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS RECONFIRMED ITS WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE UNCLASSIFIED

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HUMANITARIUM ASSISTANCE TO THE NEAR EAST. CERTAIN

FEDERAL MINISTRIES INCLUDING THE FINANCE AND THE  
FOREIGN OFFICE, AMONG OTHERS, HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED  
TO MAKE PREPARATION TO EXTEND AID QUICKLY IN THE  
NEAR FUTURE AND IN LARGE QUANTITIES. IN THIS  
CONNECTION, AT THE CABINET MEETING ON OCTOBER 24, THE  
FEDERAL CHANCELLOR EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT PUBLIC  
ASSISTANCE WILL BE AUGMENTED BY DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE  
CONTRIBUTORS. NO AMOUNTS HAVE YET BEEN ESTABLISHED,  
ACCORDING TO VONWECHMAR.  
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